

CITY OF JERSEY CITY

JERRAMIAH T. HEALY
MAYOR



CITY HALL
JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302
TEL:(201) 547-5200
FAX:(201) 547-4288

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Dec. 12, 2012

Contact: **Jennifer Morrill**
201-547-4836
201-376-0699
jenniferm@jcnj.org

Mayor Healy to Swear in 22 New Police Officers Hiring Made Possible Thanks To \$1.85 million U.S. Department of Justice COPS Grant

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy** and **Police Chief Tom Comey** will swear in 22 new police officers at an **11 a.m. ceremony** tomorrow, **Friday, Dec. 14, 2012**, at **City Hall Council Chambers, 280 Grove Street**.

“Public safety has always been our top priority and we are pleased to be able to add these new officers to the force,” said **Mayor Healy**. “We made it a goal of ours to acquire grant funding to hire new officers and we will continue to seek funding to hire more officers thereby adding to our police presence throughout the city.”

“Based on the request of the community, these officers will be deployed on foot patrols,” **Mayor Healy** added.

In July, the **U.S. Department of Justice** awarded the City **\$1.85 million** through the COPS hiring program to hire 15 new officers. The additional seven officers in the new class are paid for through the municipal budget. Additionally in April, the City hired **13 officers through lateral transfers** from other police departments.

With the 22 new recruits, the Police Department will have a total of 806 sworn personnel. When Mayor Healy took office in 2004, he quickly worked to hire new police officers as the Department was at an all-time low with only 789 officers. By 2008, under the leadership of Mayor Healy, ranks in the department had risen to 905 sworn officers, but that number has dropped with massive retirements taking place in recent years and due to the fiscal challenges that have faced municipalities across the state.////